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Re: Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for Assessing
Acute Systemic Toxicity

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I am writing to request that the NIEHS begin efforts to completely replace
lethal dose
testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

I understand that Scientists at the recent NIEHS workshop have agreed to a
partial implementation of in vitro testing, to set a "starting dose" for the
lethal poisoning tests, which would have the effect of further reducing the
number of animals in the
tests.

Please accept my comments in support of the findings of these scientists and
the use of in-vitro cell cultures as a replacement for lethal animal tests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Vallone